

ABOARD A SOVIET SHIP.

Ships that fly the Soviet flag are carrying (from Australia to Russia) wool - lead, destined for Germans via Russian guns - and sheep-skin vests for Soviet soldiers.

Strange to us appear the inclusion in the crews of women, who have equal status with the men. Uniformed Julia Pailedze is fourth mate, while other women are cooks.

The women's quarters are models of cleanliness and display the essential feminine touch,

The main saloon which they call Red Corner, is available for all the members of the ship's company. Here they often assemble to relax and, perhaps, join in the signing of a patriotic Russian song.